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For this to happen the two sides will have to be brought together rather than kept apart, recognizing the authority of the intermediary. **Christ came not to "keep the peace" but to make peace.** As man begins to put his faith and trust in Jesus so he will be brought into a deeper relationship with others who also recognise the authority of the Prince of Peace. "For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3. 26).

Our Society only continues if there is faith and trust between man and man. Unreliable man is quite unable to accomplish this, so God has intervened. "But when the time had fully come, God

sent forth his Son . . . so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!". So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir." (Gal. 4. 3-7).

This is what faith is offering us today. Well might we make the same response as that man years ago who confronted with Christ said, "Lord I believe; help thou my un-belief." (Mark 9. 24).

(This article is the third of a series originally printed in the English Church Army's magazine, "Spearhead," and is gratefully acknowledged).

STOP PRESS!

NEW SYDNEY CHURCH ARMY AUXILIARY

It is always gratifying when long hoped for events take place and ideas are changed into realities.

This is what happened on the morning of September 9th when 15 people gathered together at the Training College in response to an invitation to form a Women's Auxiliary.

For many years the Church Army has been helped and encouraged by the Women's Auxiliary in Newcastle, and some years ago by the small Auxiliary which functioned when the College was at Croydon.

Now that we have been able to re-establish the Sydney Auxiliary we look forward to a considerable increase in their membership and to a busy programme of activities in support of the Society's many needs.

The new Auxiliary was greatly encouraged by the presence of Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir (Chairman of the Church Army Executive Board) who joined the ladies for lunch after their meeting and spoke to them about the great importance of their task in support of the Society's present work and future developments.

In addition to the women already enrolled as members, many more have indicated their willingness to work for and support the Auxiliary without actually becoming members. Also a number of parish groups have shown interest in supporting the Auxiliary in its activities.

EDITORIAL

The theme of our Wollongong Rally, "Christ is the Lord," challenges us to ask ourselves whether this is the theme of our lives. How does Jesus Christ exercise His Lordship in our lives? To what extent do we allow Him and want Him to do so? These are big questions and the answers can only be worked out by a Christian in the experiences of daily living.

Why should we choose such a theme for a Rally? Because the purpose of the Church Army as a lay society of Evangelists in the Church is twofold. It is to provide an avenue of service for the lay person who desires to serve Christ as an evangelist in response to His call. Also, through those who serve in its ranks in various expressions of ministry, to help people make life-giving discoveries about the reality of God at work in His world in and through human lives. It is in making such discoveries that people are brought to a desire to know and acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in their lives.

CHRIST IS THE LORD



It might have been the chilliest night of the year but it did nothing to destroy the warm feeling of fellowship and happiness amongst the 200 visitors to the 'first ever' Church Army Rally held at St. Michael's Church Hall in Wollongong recently.

From the moment of welcome to the time the last cups were cleared from the supper tables the accent of the evening was on informality and friendliness. For most it was a new experience and no doubt many wondered just what a Church Army Rally could hold in store for them. Was it a service complete with preacher and a plate passed around at the end or was it similar to an old-time mission meeting with preaching, hymns and testimonies? As they soon discovered it was neither (though there **was** a plate and a few musical instruments!).

In this case a Church Army Rally was a welcome by the Bishop in Wollongong, The Right Rev. G. R. Delbridge, to the 10 officers and 7 students seated on the stage and to the audience who had gather-

NEWS and NOTES (Continued)

NEW ZEALAND VISITOR:

Sharing with fellow Christians is an important part of Christian experience. The Australian and New Zealand Church Army students share a common training at our College here at Belrose. Another part of the sharing is the annual visit of the Director of the New Zealand Church Army to the Training College, to take part in the lecturing programme. Captain Dewdney was recently here for a fortnight during which time he lectured on various aspects of evangelism. He also spent two weekends with his own New Zealand students in their practical training in parishes and on his last weekend he joined our team of officers in Newcastle for the special Birthday preachments.

CAPTAIN ALLAN POLGEN:

In the last issue it was reported that Captain Polgen was unable to take up further Church Army appointments because of ill-health. We thought our readers would like to know that since early in July Allan has found a very worthwhile niche for himself in helping at the Mission Publications of Australia Press at La Perouse. Not only is he able to make a useful contribution to the work there but he is also able to maintain some contact with Aboriginal people—those who work at the Press and some of those who live on the reserve.

STAMPS: We are always pleased to receive used stamps in any quantity. In many homes there are probably old stamp collections lying forgotten in cupboards or on book shelves. If they are not wanted why not send them to us so that we could turn them to good account?

Perhaps there is a keen stamp collector somewhere in Sydney who would like to help the Church Army to dispose of the stamps received in the most profitable way. We would be very pleased to hear from such a person who could act for us in this way as a contribution to the furthering of our work.

BRISBANE VISIT: Four officers comprised the team for the annual Birthday visit to Brisbane this year. On the way northwards the fifth passenger, who was the Rev. David Livingstone, our Hon. Warden, was left at Tweed Heads where he preached for the Church Army at all services on the 30th August.

The four officers visiting Brisbane had a busy day of preaching at many services in five parishes. In one parish three Sunday Schools were also visited and in another parish an officer spoke at a Youth Tea.

A new venture was the Tea held at the Cathedral Hall and attended by over 50 Church Army supporters. Evensong followed at the Cathedral and the Federal Secretary was the preacher.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. W. F. Carter, the Rector of St. Andrew's, South Brisbane for arranging all the preachments, and also to Mrs. Rilatt who worked so hard, with a willing band of helpers, in arranging the Tea.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A WILL

Your Legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will.

"I give to the Church Army in Australia *

and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgage, debt or other property intended to be given.

NEWS and NOTES...

RESPONSE TO APPEAL:

It is with a true sense of thankfulness to God and to our subscribers that we acknowledge the generous response to this year's Birthday Appeal. Up to the 21st August the result was over \$1800, which is considerably more than the total amount received last year. To all our supporters who kindly sent in gifts we express our gratitude, and also our thanks to those who relieved us of the necessity of sending receipts, thus enabling us to save on office costs.

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS:

In Christian work there is certainly much cause for thanksgiving and this was evident in our Day of Prayer held at the Training College on the 3rd August in connection with our 36th Birthday. Thirteen officers and our seven students came together for the day and the Hon. Warden of the College commenced the day's activities for us with the Holy Communion.

The Christian fellowship we enjoyed together was in itself a blessing as we shared in the Holy Communion service; in other activities of corporate prayer and praise; in informal discussions about our work and in fun and laughter around the meal table.



The various aspects of our fellowship complemented each other and provided the right setting for true sharing in the joys, the problems, the difficulties, the challenges and the blessings of the ministry entrusted to us in the life of our Church.

CHAPEL GIFT:

Our Honorary Warden, the Rev. D. G. Livingstone, very kindly presented the gift of a beautiful lectern for the Chapel. Very appropriately the arrival of the lectern coincided with our Day of Prayer, so it was dedicated during the service of Holy Communion that morning.



NEWCASTLE VISIT: The Church Army's first office and Training College was established in Newcastle in 1934 and so our series of special Birthday preachments each year always commences in that Diocese and are held on the Sunday nearest the actual foundation date which is the 4th August. On Sunday the 2nd August there were eight officers preaching in eleven parishes in and near Newcastle. In all, 26 addresses were given at these services, plus one youth tea. For the first time our Newcastle activities included a visit to the C. A. Brown Homes for the aged at Booragul where our Sister Phillpot is living in retirement. It was a great delight to share in the service at the Village in their very beautiful chapel. The service was taken by Archdeacon Williamson who is a resident, whilst Sister Bacon read the lesson and the Federal Secretary preached.